

Listing of Potential Grants

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The Washington State Conservation Commission has compiled a list of conservation-related grants offered by private foundations, state agencies, and federal agencies. Many of the grants would potentially fund education and outreach as well as on-the-ground projects by conservation districts.

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GRANT WRITING RESOURCES

Cyber-Sierra's Conservation Grants Center - Writing successful proposals, produced by Jean Saffell, is a very useful guide on writing grants proposals.

SWCA , an environmental consulting firm that staffed a booth at the Washington Association of Conservation District's annual meeting, offers to write grants for districts looking to fund natural and cultural resource management projects. For more information, contact Leif Bang at 509.496.4508.

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PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Acorn Foundation is particularly interested in small and innovative community-based projects which organize the community to preserve and restore habitats supporting biological diversity and wildlife, and prevent or remedy toxic pollution. Grants are in the \$10,000 range.

American Honda Foundation funds science education (\$10,000-\$100,000).

American Rivers & NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program River Grants provide financial and technical assistance for river restoration projects benefiting diadromous fish species.

AT&T Foundation funds technology in education or community economic development:

The Brainerd Foundation has three environmental programs: Endangered Ecosystems, Toxics and Communities, and Communications and Capacity Building. The foundation's fields of interest are natural resource conservation and protection. <http://www.brainerd.org/>

Bullitt Foundation Environmental Grants (Due: Applications considered on an ongoing basis)

The mission of The Bullitt Foundation is to protect, restore, and maintain the natural physical environment of the Pacific Northwest for present and future generations. The Foundation invites proposals from nonprofit organizations that serve Washington, Oregon, Idaho, western Montana (including the Rocky Mountain range), coastal Alaska from Cook Inlet to the Canadian border, and British Columbia. The Foundation has the following program areas:

- Aquatic Ecosystems
- Terrestrial Ecosystems
- Conservation and Stewardship in Agriculture
- Energy and Climate Change
- Growth Management and Transportation
- Toxic and Radioactive Substances
- Training, Communications, and Unique Opportunities

Grant application deadlines are May 1 and November 1. The Foundation does not use a letter of inquiry pre-screening process. However, prospective applicants are urged to contact the appropriate program officer to discuss their request prior to submittal. Go to the Foundation's website for additional information. www.bullitt.org

The Burning Foundation funds PNW organizations addressing issues to protect threatened rivers and forests, nurture native fish populations, and conserve land and open space for ecological and recreational purposes

Captain Planet Foundation Environmental Grants for Youth (Due: Applications considered on an ongoing basis) The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation (CPF) is to support hands-on environmental projects for youth in grades K-12. Our objective is to encourage innovative activities that empower children around the world to work individually and collectively as environmental stewards. Through ongoing education, we believe that children can play a vital role in preserving our precious natural resources for future generations. Deadlines for submitting grant applications are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. See the website for additional information.

Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation (Due: Applications considered on an ongoing basis) Lindbergh Grants are made in the following categories: agriculture; aviation/aerospace; conservation of natural resources - including animals, plants, water, and general conservation (land, air, energy, etc.); education - including humanities/education, the arts, and intercultural communication; exploration; health - including biomedical research, health and population sciences, and adaptive technology; and waste minimization and management. The deadline for grant applications is the second Thursday of June in the year preceeding the awarding of funds. For example, for funding beginning in July of 2008, applications are due June 14, 2007. See the Foundation's website for more information.

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation Environment Grants (Due: Applications considered on an ongoing basis) The mission of the Environment program is to support the efforts of an engaged citizenry working to create accountable and responsive institutions, sound public policies, and appropriate models of development that protect the diversity and integrity of selected ecosystems in North America and around the world.

The Environment program is organized into three program areas:

- Conservation of Freshwater Ecosystems
- International Finance for Sustainability
- Special Initiatives

Funding for unsolicited proposals is limited throughout the program. Those interested in applying for funding are strongly encouraged to submit letters of inquiry instead of a full proposal. See the Foundation's website for more information.

ESRI Conservation Program (ECP) The non-profit support arm of the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) donates ESRI GIS software and training to non-profit organizations and individual projects to support an overall mission of conservation and social change. <http://www.conservationgis.org/>

The Fields Pond Foundation's primary mission is to provide financial assistance to nature and land conservation organizations that are community-based and that serve to increase environmental awareness by involving local residents in conservation issues. Typical grants average \$10,000.

FishAmerica Foundation supports projects designed to enhance fish populations such as habitat enhancement and water quality improvement projects. Applications should be made approximately one year in advance of anticipated need for funding. <http://www.asafishing.org/asa/index.html>

The Kongsgaard-Goldman Foundation provides between \$1,000-\$15,000 for habitat protection and restoration formation of watershed councils, citizen involvement, public education and sustainable development. Initial contact with the Foundation must be made through a brief letter with a description of the organization, project, summary budget and 501(c)3 status. <http://www.kongsgaard-goldman.org/program>

The Laird Norton Endowment Foundation gives grants for projects related to forestry, including conservation and education. Related ecosystems projects may also be considered. <http://www.lairdnorton.org/Welcome.html>

Lowe's Charitable Foundation funds community improvement projects (\$5,000-\$20,000). Google "Lowe's Foundation Grant Request Center."

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Mountaineers Foundation promotes the study of PNW mountains, forests and streams, and contributes to preserving its natural beauty and ecological integrity. The group supports: (1) studies that will yield new data aimed at protecting Northwest wilderness and wildlife, (2) biologic, economic, legal, or policy studies, and (3) direct educational programs and materials related to environmental preservation. They also fund selected capital improvement projects (e.g., restoration and assistance in purchasing equipment/materials).

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation provides funding on a competitive basis to projects that sustain, restore and enhance the Nation's fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats through Keystone Initiative Grants and other Special Grant Programs (including the Community Salmon Fund and the Pioneers in Conservation grant).

National Geographic Conservation Trust funds projects contributing to the sustainable use of earth's resources (\$15,000-20,000).

The Northwest Fund for the Environment gives grants for environmental purposes, including grants for stewardship programs, action plans, strategic litigation, and capacity building for conservation organizations. It also gives grants for protection of wildlife habitats, water quality, sustainable forestry, and shoreline and wetland environments.
<http://www.nwfund.org/>

The Ocean Fund is supported by Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. It provides grants made annually to a variety of nonprofit groups and institutions for marine conservation activities covering research, education, and innovative technologies. Grants average between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Letters of interest are due by June 30.

Russell Foundation Grants focus on Puget Sound, environmental education and green business practices.

SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education) funding assists researchers, agricultural educators, farmers, and ranchers, funding projects such as interdisciplinary research or demonstration projects which forge a connection between sustainable agriculture and rural community development.

The Washington Foundation for the Environment is primarily focused on environmental education workshops, institutes, conferences, and exhibits which hold the promise of increasing public awareness of significant environmental issues. Also considered are grants for individual and group scholarships to attend worthwhile conferences and educational programs.

The Wilburforce Foundation supports programs that protect the Earth's natural habitats and environments, or reduce pressure on ecosystems through education about the effects of human over-population. Applicants who are interested in submitting a grant proposal must contact the appropriate staff member prior to developing a proposal.
<http://www.wilburforce.org/>

Wildlife Forever Challenge Grants

Deadline: January 1, 2009

Grants from Wildlife Forever are targeted for habitat restoration and acquisition, research and management, and educational projects. Special emphasis is placed upon grassroots programs that involve local conservation, sportsmen's or outdoor recreation groups.

{mospagebreak title=State Agency Grants}
WASHINGTON STATE AGENCY GRANTS
Department of Fish and Wildlife

The Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) is a competitive grant program designed to provide financial assistance to private landowners for the protection, enhancement or restoration of habitat to benefit species at risk on privately owned lands. At risk species depend on specific ecosystems for survival. These ecosystems include riparian areas, wetlands, oak woodlands, prairies and grasslands, shrub steppe and nearshore environments.
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/lip/index.htm>.

Department of Ecology

The Department of Ecology provides a number of financial assistance programs to support environmental management; see below for more information on each of these programs.

Air Quality

The Air Quality Program is offering a new grant program designed to provide Washington cities and counties with funding to retrofit their heavy-duty diesel vehicles.

Coastal Zone Management Grants

This includes guidance documents, application forms, sample agreements, and other useful information about the CZM Project Assistance Grant Program for local government jurisdictions within the 15 counties with saltwater shorelines. Grants are used for shoreline master program planning.

Environmental Education Grants

A wide range of environmental education grant opportunities are available through the Department of Ecology and other organizations.

Flood Control

This includes everything you need to apply for a Flood Control Assistance Account Program (FCAAP) grant. Grants are used for flood hazard management planning and building flood prevention projects (e.g., repairing levees).

Shoreline Management

Ecology offers two-year Shoreline Master Program grants to local governments to fund shoreline master program updates throughout Washington State. Local governments are required to update their Shoreline Master Program according to the schedule outlined in the Shoreline Management Act.

Spill Response

Oil spill response equipment grants are available to public entities and tribes in Washington to fund the acquisition of oil spill response equipment trailers.

Waste Management

Financial assistance is available for waste management through the following programs: Community Litter Cleanup Program, Coordinated Prevention Grants, Public Participation Grants, and Remedial Action Grants and Loans.

Water Quality

Water quality grants and loans are available for a broad range of projects, including:

- Stormwater management implementation grants

- Local government stormwater grants
- Reclaimed water grants
- Centennial Clean Water/319 grants
- On-site septic financial assistance program
- Aquatic weeds financial assistance program
- Freshwater algae grant control program
- Small town environmental program

Water Resources

Agriculture water supply grants are available for developing comprehensive water conservation plans and projects implementing water conservation plans.

Columbia River Basin Water Management Grants are available for a variety of conservation and storage projects.

Watershed Management

Watershed planning grants are available for organization, assessment, and plan development as well as development of in-stream flow recommendations, multiple purpose water storage assessment, and water quality planning.

Parks Department

No Child Left Inside Grants — Washington State Parks is now funding educational and recreational programs that provide a large number of under-served students with quality opportunities to directly experience the natural world. Applications will be available in early 2008 at www.parks.wa.gov/NoChildLeftInside.

Recreation and Conservation Office

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides funding to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to outdoor recreation resources including but not limited to parks, trails, wildlife lands, and other lands and facilities desirable for individual active participation. <http://www.rco.wa.gov/rcfb/grants/lwcf.htm>.

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grants Program provides grant-in-aid support for the purchase, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands for public purposes, and for providing and improving access to such lands. It is guided by concepts originally developed by DNR, including re-establishment of naturally self-sustaining ecological

functions related to aquatic lands, providing or restoring public access to the water, and increasing public awareness of aquatic lands as a finite natural resource and irreplaceable public heritage. <http://www.rco.wa.gov/rcfb/grants/alea.htm>.

Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) provides grants to preserve economically viable farmlands in Washington State and enhance ecological functions on those lands. <http://www.rco.wa.gov/rcfb/grants/farmland.htm>.

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) administers two grant programs for protection and restoration of salmon habitat: SFFB grants and Family Forest Fish Passage Program grants.
http://www.rco.wa.gov/srfb/grants/salmon_recovery.htm http://www.rco.wa.gov/srfb/grants/fffp_program.htm

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FEDERAL GRANTS
Environmental Protection Agency

Brownfields Program involves sites that are abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.

Environmental Education Grants Program - The goal of this program is to support environmental education (EE) projects which enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to make informed and responsible decisions that affect environmental quality. <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>

Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program - The Exchange Network Grant Program provides funding to States, Territories, and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to support the development of Environmental Information Exchange Network. The Exchange Network is an Internet- and standards-based, secure information systems network that supports the electronic collection, exchange, and integration of high-quality data. Funding for the grant program has been provided through annual congressional appropriations for the EPA.

Environmental Justice Grants - information on various EPA environmental justice (EJ) grant programs including the EJ Community/ University Partnership Grants Program and the Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention Grants Program.

Environmental Justice through Pollution Prevention - The Environmental Justice through Pollution Prevention (EJP2) grant program supports community-based groups across the nation develop collaborative approaches to achieve environmental justice through pollution prevention.

National Center for Environmental Research - Grants, Fellowships, Research Associateships and the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Program

National Network for Environmental Management Studies Fellowships - information about the National Network for

Environmental Management Studies (NNEMS) undergraduate and graduate student fellowship program, and application information.

Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) Clean Water Financing - includes guidance and information about the following programs:

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program
- Water Pollution Control Program Grants for states
- Water Quality Cooperative Agreements
- Clean Water Indian Program Grants

Pollution Prevention Incentives for States - The Pollution Prevention Incentive for States (PPIS) grant program provides about \$5 million annually to state and tribal programs to help develop and sustain state P2 program activities and pioneer new P2 approaches in the states.

Water Grants - Information on national grant programs, including the State Revolving Funds for drinking water and wastewater, grants for water pollution prevention and wetlands protection, and tribal grants.

Five Star Restoration Grants are aimed at pulling together community partners to do education through stream and wetland restoration projects. Applications are due Feb. 15, 2008. The average amount funded is \$10,000. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/.

Watershed Funding - Committed watershed organizations and state and local governments need adequate resources to achieve the goals of the Clean Water Act and improve our nation's water quality. To support these efforts, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has created this Web site to provide tools, databases, and information about sources of funding to practitioners and funders that serve to protect watersheds.

EPA Targeted Watersheds Grants provide funding to community-driven watershed projects and capacity-building efforts: www.epa.gov/twg/twg_basic.html

NOAA

NOAA Environmental Literacy Grants: The NOAA Office of Education (OED) is issuing a request for applications for environmental literacy projects in support of K-12 education. Funded projects will be between one and five years in duration and will promote changes in K-12 education to expand the amount of Earth System Science taught in the classroom and improve student learning of that subject. Preliminary proposals (pre-proposals) are required for submission of a full application and must be received by 5:00 p.m., EST, February 20, 2008.
http://www.oesd.noaa.gov/ELG_K-12_2009_FFO.pdf

US Fish and Wildlife

Endangered Species Grant Program: Grants for states and territories, offered through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (authorized under section 6 of the ESA) fund participation in a wide array of voluntary conservation projects for candidate, proposed and listed species. These funds may in turn be awarded to private landowners and groups for conservation projects. (See chart below for grant descriptions.)

Grant Program

Purpose

Species Benefiting

Applicants

Competition

Financial Match Requirement*

Conservation Grants

implementation of conservation projects

federally listed threatened or endangered species

States or Territories that have entered into cooperative agreements with the Service for endangered and threatened species conservation

formula

25% of estimated project cost; or 10% when two or more States or Territories implement a joint project

Recovery Land Acquisition

acquisition of habitat in support of approved recovery goals or objectives

federally listed threatened or endangered species

States or Territories that have entered into cooperative agreements with the Service for endangered and threatened species conservation

regional competition

25% of estimated project cost; or 10% when two or more States or Territories implement a joint project

Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance

support development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs)

federally listed threatened or endangered species, proposed and candidate species, and unlisted species proposed to be covered by the HCP**

States or Territories that have entered into cooperative agreements with the Service for endangered and threatened species conservation

national competition

25% of estimated project cost; or 10% when two or more States or Territories implement a joint project

Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Land Acquisition

acquisition of land associated with approved HCPs

federally listed threatened or endangered species, unlisted (including State-listed species), proposed and candidate species covered by the HCP**

States or Territories that have entered into cooperative agreements with the Service for endangered and threatened species conservation

national competition

25% of estimated project cost; or 10% when two or more States or Territories implement a joint project

The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Program acquires, restores, and enhances wetlands in coastal States through competitive matching grants to State agencies. The primary goal of the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program is the long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems.

http://ecos.fws.gov/coastal_grants/viewContent.do?viewPage=home

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners and Tribes who are willing to work with us and other partners on a voluntary basis to help meet the habitat needs of our Federal Trust Species. The Partners Program can assist with projects in all habitat types which conserve or restore native vegetation, hydrology, and soils associated with imperiled ecosystems such as longleaf pine, bottomland hardwoods, tropical forests, native prairies, marshes, rivers and streams, or otherwise provide an important habitat requisite for a rare, declining or protected species. <http://ecos.fws.gov/partners/viewContent.do?viewPage=home>

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Wetlands Reserve Program is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial support to help landowners with their wetland restoration efforts. The NRCS goal is to achieve the greatest wetland functions and values, along with optimum wildlife habitat, on every acre enrolled in the program. This program offers landowners an opportunity to establish long-term conservation and wildlife practices and protection. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/>

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program(WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. Through WHIP USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service provides both technical assistance and up to 75 percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. WHIP agreements between NRCS and the participant generally last from 5 to 10 years from the date the agreement is signed. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/>

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. Under CIG, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds are used to award competitive grants to non-Federal governmental or non-governmental organizations, Tribes, or individuals. CIG enables NRCS to work with other public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adoption of promising technologies and approaches to address some of the Nation's most pressing natural resource concerns. CIG will benefit agricultural producers by providing more options for environmental enhancement and compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations. NRCS administers CIG. www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/index.html

